

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in the present application.

Restriction/Election

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-7;

Group II, claims 8 and 10;

Group III, claim 9;

Group IV, claims 11-13; and

Group V, claims 14-25.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group IV, Claims 11-13. Further, Applicants elect the polycarbonate based on "Example 4: Formation of organic-inorganic hybrid polymeric material by sol-gel reaction."

CONCLUSION

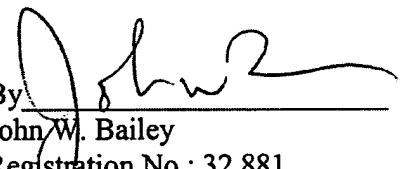
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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